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Saipan Chamber of Commerce board of directors poses with the Pellegrino Vocational and Education Chamber awardees last Wednesday during the Chamber general membership meeting at Charley's Room of Pacific Island Club Saipan. The scholarship awardees, from third left, Reine T. Aldan, Catherine Barrozo, Ayesha Mustanar, Crystal Seidler, and Bonnie Gio Sagana.

Chamber awards Pellegrino Vocational, Educational scholarships

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Five recipients of the Pellegrino Vocational Award and Chamber Education Award were presented during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting last

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'RB' throws support to marine operators

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REPORTER

Mayor Ramon Blas "RB" Camacho is urging the Saipan community to come out and support local marine operators who are set to formally appear before the Department of Public Lands next week for a public hearing regarding proposed

Camacho

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Mafnas confirmed as Commerce secretary

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Remedios Mafnas, who was nominated by Gov. Arnold I. Palacios to serve as acting Department of Commerce secretary last May 10, was confirmed as Commerce secretary by the Senate yesterday.

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REPORTER

After over two months, the Senate has confirmed acting Department of Commerce secretary Remedios C. Mafnas' appointment.

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PRELIMINARY MONTHLY STATISTICS SAY

MVA arrivals down 8% in June 2024

According to preliminary monthly statistics from the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota decreased 8% to 19,684 visitors in June 2024, compared to 21,287 visitors received in June 2023. Monthly arrivals

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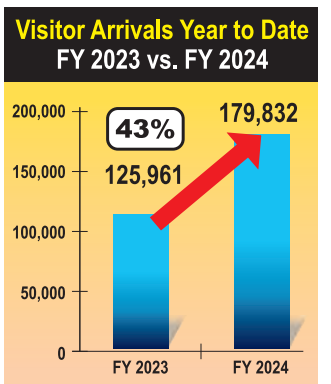

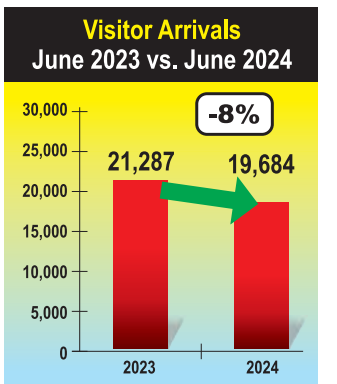

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Local

NMC to host free FAFSA Workshop on Aug. 10

Students and parents who need assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid are invited to register for Northern Marianas College's Free FAFSA Workshop at NMC's Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024.

By filling out the FAFSA form, students can receive up to $7,395 in federal financial aid for college.

Seats are limited and attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop if they have one. However, laptops and other devices will be made available to facilitate the application process. Incentives will be given out to those who successfully complete their FAFSA forms. Students, parents, and others who plan to attend the workshop must register here: https://bit.ly/4eUJRqn.

The free FAFSA workshop will have a session for students from 9am to 1pm and a session for parents from 2pm to 6pm. This will be the last 2024-25 FAFSA workshop taking place on Saipan.

Interested students and parents must create their Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs (FAFSA accounts) prior to the workshop to complete the verification process. To create an FSA ID, visit www.studentaid.gov and click "Create Account." This will require personal information, the creation of a username and password, security questions, and contact information verification. Students and parents must have a separate FSA ID and are encouraged to keep their information safe as the NMC Financial Aid Office does not

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OIA announces $20M in Compact of Free Association funding for Palau

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor announced $20 million in direct economic assistance from the United States Government to Palau for health and education sectors in the island nation. These fiscal year 2024 funds represent year one of economic assistance to Palau under the recently negotiated Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, Public Law 118-42, which was signed between the United States and Palau on May 22, 2023.

The announcement represents funding assistance for fiscal year 2024 as follows:

■ $10 million—Health sector: To support operations of the Government of Palau's health sector as submitted in Palau's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Implementation Plan.

■ $10 million—Education sector: Tto support operations of the Government of Palau's education sector as submitted in Palau's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Implementation Plan.

"Interior is proud to partner with the Department of State and other federal partners as we begin to implement financial provisions of the Compact of Free Association relationship that the United States has with Palau," said Cantor. "We are excited for Palau's continued growth and economic success as a democracy and free market economy in the Pacific."

Since the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 9 of this year, the Interior Department has transferred $66 million to the Palau Government for the Palau Compact Trust Fund, the Palau Consolidation Fiscal Fund and for the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund.

For more information about the Compact funding schedule for Palau, visit the Office of Insular Affairs budget at https://www.doi.gov/oia/budget. ***(PR)***

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were estimated to be 53% lower compared to pre-pandemic levels of June 2019, when arrivals reached 42,076 visitors.

The MVA is awaiting final validated arrival stats compiled on the CNMI Division of Customs declaration form that is filled out for each arriving passenger upon entry into the CNMI.

Visitor arrivals from South Korea registered 13,907 in June, 22% lower than June 2023. In June 2023, the Marianas had received an extraordinarily high number of visitors and flights—115—from South Korea when flights to Guam were transferred to Saipan following a major typhoon in Guam. June 2024 reflects 98 flights and a return to average visitor arrivals for the month. During the peak summer season, Jeju Air has added an additional flight from July 17 to Aug. 18 to capture demand during high peak summer season, making three daily flights on the Incheon-Saipan route by Jeju and one daily flight by T'Way. Visitors from Korea comprise 75% of all arrivals to the Marianas.

Visitor arrivals from Japan registered 620 in June 2024 compared to 939 visitors in June 2023, a 34% decrease. United Airlines flies three times weekly from Tokyo-Narita to Saipan. The strong U.S. dollar and weaker Japanese yen continue to influence travelers to choose non-U.S. or domestic destinations at this time.

With the advent in late April of twice weekly direct flights from Hong Kong to Saipan via Hong Kong Airlines, China has marked its highest monthly arrivals since before the pandemic when direct flights were halted. China arrivals in June 2024 reached 1,927 compared to 503 arrivals in June 2023. Prior to the pandemic, China was the second largest source market of visitors to the Marianas with multiple direct flights a week from five cities.

In June, the Marianas also received 1,662 visitors for the United States, 995 visitors from Guam, and a combined 573 visitors from all other markets. ***(PR)***

MAFNAS

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Back in May, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios appointed Registrar of Corporations' Mafnas as the acting secretary for the Department of Commerce.

Palacios, in his letter to Senate President Edith Delon Guerrero (D-Saipan), expressed his confidence in Mafnas' capabilities and qualifications to fulfilling her role as Commerce secretary.

During a Senate regular session yesterday, the Senate body approved the recommendation submitted by the Senate Standing Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations and officially confirmed Mafnas' nomination.

At her last hearing before the Senate standing committee, Mafnas stated that as secretary of commerce, her priority is streamlining Commerce's processes to further help existing and future businesses.

"My role expands beyond oversight of departmental functions in order to achieve the economic goals set by the current administration. Once confirmed, I will prioritize straitening our business climate through collaboration, balance, and data driven decision making. My priorities include collaborating with the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority, [Saipan, Tinian, and Rota] Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders to promote economic development as well as keeping the businesses that are here now. Ensuring a balanced approach to domestic enterprise and foreign investment, providing access to local resources for new and existing businesses, [and] supporting our statistical capacity in enhancing data driven decision making," she said.

Mafnas said she prioritizes the assessment governing the CNMI's business community to ensure that they promote a sound and equitable business environment.

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Wednesday at Charley's Room of the Pacific Island Club Saipan.

The award ceremony was hosted by Mercilynn Palec of Northern Marians College-Small Business Development Center, Benjamin Babauta of Northern Marianas Technological Institute, and Plumeria Aldan-Castro of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Reine T. Aldan received the Pellegrino Vocational Award, while the recipients of the Chamber Education Award were Catherine M. Barrozo, Ayesha Mustansar, Bonnie Gio Sagana, and Crystal S. Seidler.

Palec shared a glimpse of the recipient's stories when she said how Mustanar overcame challenges that inspire others. Mustanar, being the eldest daughter in her family, aims to alleviate her parents' burden through her nursing career and seeks to inspire her younger siblings and break down barriers to mental health. One of her goals is to improve access to mental health services and foster a supportive community.

Barrozo is a dedicated working student from Saipan, pursuing a degree in criminal justice to address drug-related problems in the CNMI. She focuses on educating the youth and community from a criminal justice perspective.

Sagana is the president of the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a community volunteer committed to education and community service. Sagana's success is attributed to his mother's love and support.

Full-time employee Seidler is also a mother and student who pursues business management to support small businesses, while Pellegrino awardee Aldan studies culinary arts to open a business that will promote local traditional and cultural food.

Palec recognized the recipients for their resilience, dedication, and community contributions and added that their stories encouraged everyone to pursue excellence and create positive change.

The award ceremony concluded with Palec expressing gratitude to the scholarship panel, organizers, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce members.

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amendments to the rule and regulations regarding the use of Mañagaha Island.

Camacho, who has expressed his concerns about DPL's proposed amendments to Mañagaha use rules and regulations, is urging the community to come out to DPL's public hearing regarding this issue on Aug. 16.

"Let's all show up. I will show up because this is a serious issue and I will support the people of Saipan. As the mayor for this municipality, I am concerned about these proposed changes. DPL is assisting the creation [of] a discriminatory policy against our own people. DPL is just looking for the best interest of the investor and not of the people," Camacho said.

Camacho's opinion on DPL's proposed amendments is simple, they're discriminatory, he said.

"Tasi Tours was the previous concessionaire of Mañagaha for more than 30 years, and their policy had always been one of inclusion. They welcomed our residents and even transported residents on their own boat, back and forth for free. We are talking about public land here, and the owners are the indigenous people of the islands. I've heard from the community that they are very disappointed. What are we trying to do with our people? Are we trying to restrict them, put a boundary? I thought we are marketing the CNMI as a tourist destination. Tourists want to see who we are and what we are. By making it exclusive, they are not allowing tourists to mingle with the local people, to establish friendship and to see what kind of people we are," Camacho expressed.

Ultimately, Camacho says DPL's policy is putting up a wall between Mañagaha Island and the local residents of Saipan (especially those who use the island commercially).

"The CNMI is being marketed for our hospitality, for being friendly and for being a safe destination. But with this policy, what you are doing is you are putting up a wall. We need economic recovery, but we must do it right. The Saipan Mayor's Office is promoting tourism, Japanese tourism, Korean tourism, Chinese tourism, sports tourism, and now we are exploring agri-tourism. We are exploring all avenues for tourism to drive our economy. But by doing this exclusive Managaha rule, it's not friendly, it is not building relationships between the islanders and the visitors. The proposed amendments should be voided," he said.

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have access to account recovery.

Participants are encouraged to bring documents such as valid identification (passport or birth certificate), copies of their high school diploma, copies of official transcripts, and tax return information for the year 2022 to complete their application.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office through email at fao@marianas.edu or call (670) 237-6790. Participants can also stop by the Financial Aid Office from 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday.

Registration for NMC's Fall 2024 semester is ongoing and will begin on Aug. 19, 2024. A list of the classes that are offered can be found at www.marianas.edu. For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (670) 237-6769/70/71/72 or email oar@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

By NHORLEEN BITCO-LILLES
Special to Saipan Tribune

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

What are you looking forward to?

Summer is over, and students are all going back to school! It's normal for some kids to feel a lot of different emotions during this time, like excitement, nervousness, or even a bit of fear on the first day because of all the new things happening: new teachers, new classmates, and maybe even a new school. Going back to school is an exciting time with lots of chances to grow and learn. Students get to see friends again, tackle new subjects, and join fun activities that help them grow. Let's explore what to expect when heading back to school and what some students and teachers are looking forward to in the new school year.

THE STUDENTS

"Learning something new! I am excited to study Math as I find it interesting. I am also excited for the new soccer season, learning new stuff and new soccer moves, and winning the PGFC again."—***Kira George, incoming 3rd grade, Green Meadow School***

"I'm excited to try being a third grader. I want to study hard to get five medals and a lot of trophies at graduation."—***Colin James, incoming 3rd grade, Green Meadow School***

"Since school is coming back, I am looking forward to getting good grades and those certificates to make my family proud. I am also looking forward to being better at soccer and writing better. I am also excited for after school for learning and doing fun activities."—***Aiah Bhurn T. Delos Santos, incoming 5th grade, Garapan Elementary School***

"I am expecting the teachers to teach well so the students can learn all together and study hard to fulfill their dreams, and also so I can become the top student in my school."—***Jayden Rei Pulido, incoming 5th grade***

"Since school is coming back, I am looking forward to my friends being there. I haven't seen them for months and 7th grade should be new and interesting. I am also curious to see which teachers I'll like, hoping to get good grades and certificates at the end of the school year to make my family proud. I am excited about making new friends in 7th grade."—***Andy Cielo, incoming 7th grade, Hopwood Middle School***

"I'm expecting to have more work this school year and that's not something I am excited about but I am looking forward to getting into more clubs, getting more medals, meeting new people, and gain more friends."—***Elaia Patricia Silva, incoming 8th grade, Hopwood Middle School***

"As I enter my first year of high school, expectations for myself include learning new habits to help and improve my mental state for my upcoming studies. I hope to learn important skills such as problem solving, improve reading and writing, public speaking, and such. Another expectation I have for this upcoming new school year would be to make new friends."—**Maja Laxamana Diaz, incoming freshman, Marianas High School**

"I'm looking forward to meeting my friends and being with them for one last year. I know that we are probably all going to go to different colleges and it'll be our last time seeing each other for a while, so I'm going to enjoy my time with them. One goal I have is to do great in the college admissions process and after I'm done with that, I want to help out the underclassmen. I want to put them in a good position before I leave, so I'm going to tell them what are some things they should be doing, some mistakes I made that they don't have to make, etc. Some plans I have is to participate in science fairs and Math Court! Last year, my brother, my best friend, and I got to travel to LA because of the science fair, which was really fun. I'm looking forward to working again with them. Also, my Math Court teammates both graduated, but there are a lot of people who I can work with."—***Gwonpil Son, incoming senior, Marianas High School***

"I am looking forward to see my friends again back from summer vacation, also to experience my last year in high school to the fullest."—***Iver Lilles, incoming senior, Marianas High School***

"I am looking forward to spending my last year of high school with the close friends I met throughout my journey,

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but I am also happy to meet new faces! My main goal for this school year is to just have fun with the people around me, it may be the last time I would see them for a while, so I would hope to cherish the time we have left and enjoy it! My main plan for this school year is to apply to college, and others around me are also doing the same. I knew it is going to be a stressful time, but I hope with the support of my peers I am able to get through it. But generally, I am most excited to see everyone again, and spend my final year with them!"—***Jedric Aniciete, incoming senior, Marianas High School***

"Going into my first year of college at NMC, I look forward to exploring the responsibilities of a young adult as I learn to become a more independent person. As I am entering a new chapter of my life, I hope to grab onto as many opportunities that will lead me to explore my desired career goal of pursuing pharmacy. Especially as I plan to go off island after my two years at NMC, I also plan to prepare myself by experiencing the campus life, overcoming academic challenges, learning how to balance a part time job with my classes, and becoming a better people person. I can't say I'm scared or excited going into this school year. Rather, I am more excited to see what the future holds for me."—***Hana Laxamana Diaz, incoming college freshman taking Business Management, Northern Marianas College***

"One of the main things I look forward to is engaging in the community of New York, one that is of a busy urban lifestyle—a big change from Saipan—and utmost ethnic and cultural diversity. Furthermore, I am excited to engage in learning about the fundamentals of Computer Science as well as other classes as part of the Liberal Studies program. Additionally, one of my main goals is to strive not only for good academic performance in my classes but also for good character and staying true and humble to my upbringing of discipline and faith."— ***Andrew Nunez, incoming first-year student taking Liberal Studies with anticipated degree in Computer Science, New York University***

"As I enter my college years, I am looking forward to becoming more independent and exploring new things, like trying New York's famous pizza and bagels! In school, I am excited to meet a diverse class. I know that I will be making new friends while still being able to meet up with old ones in and around New York City. I also look forward to experiencing a college class, being in a huge lecture hall, and getting to play with cool machines. I know that my next four years will bring unexpected yet exciting experiences.

In college, I hope to develop my personal skills, particularly in time management. That way, I can diversify my college experience while keeping up with my studies, like picking up a new hobby, maintaining my physical health, or even securing a research position or internship opportunity, which are some other goals of mine. I am looking to major in Earth & Environmental Engineering, though I remain open to exploring other engineering disciplines."— ***Joseph Jimenez, incoming freshman, Columbia University***

"Coming back to school, I'm most looking forward to being immersed in a community that flourishes in hard work and dedication. This year my goals are to pass all my classes and join a club wherein I can showcase my abilities as well as learn from my peers."—***Raeka Lantin, incoming 2nd year nursing student, Northern Marianas College***

"This year, I'm really excited about diving into strategic management and leadership courses. I'm looking forward to tackling real-world problems through case studies and group projects. It'll also be great to connect with industry professionals through networking events and internships, which I think will really help me apply what I'm learning in a practical way."—***Christine Hayag, incoming 3rd year Business Management student, Northern Marianas College***

THE EDUCATORS

"This coming school year, I am looking forward to the opportunity to grow and learn from my new students. I'm excited to tackle new math challenges together, turning those complex problems into moments of discovery and achievement. I aim to explore

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A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on September 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 220A, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

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Back-to-school budgeting blues? Make a plan of action before buying supplies, clothes

By TARA WANDTKE
The Kansas City Star

Even though the temperatures are still soaring, the end of summer is the perfect time for parents to start budgeting for back-to-school shopping. Outside of the holidays, back-to-school shopping is often the most expensive time of the year.

CommunityAmerica can provide you with all the information and help you need to navigate the back-to-school season, including tips and tricks on how to save money on school supplies.

Shop your drawers first

There's something about a fresh box of crayons that makes the start of another school year feel real. For some of your other supplies, it is important to take a hard look at what is necessary to purchase new, as many things can be reused. You probably have a drawer full of pens and pen-

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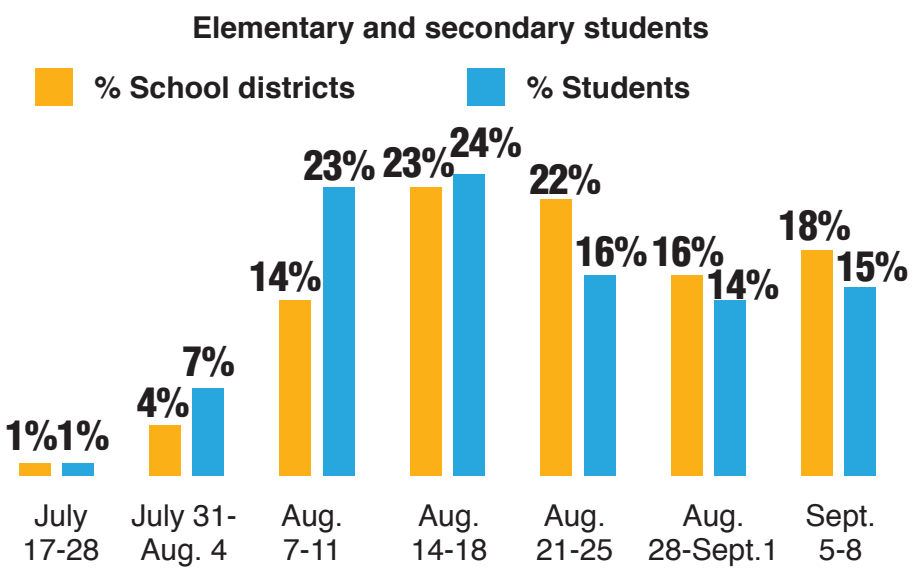
When do you go back to school?

It's August, which means millions of American schoolkids are planning or already heading back to school.



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Don't foist transgender anxiety on these Olympic boxers. They are women

Olympic boxers Imane Khelif and Lin Yu-ting are women. They were born female. That is what doctors determined when they were infants, and it has been their sex ever since. They have never done anything to change it. Neither is transgender.

How remarkable it is, then, that famous critics of transgenderism have been wildly contradicting themselves over the last few days. They have declared for years that people are the sex they were assigned at birth, no matter what changes they make to their bodies. Now—with no evidence aside from the more traditionally masculine build of Khelif from Algeria and Lin from Taiwan—they have decided the two are men and insultingly bandy that about in interviews and hateful social media posts.

Children's author J.K. Rowling, who has become an informal figurehead of the anti-trans movement, described Khelif's win as "a man beating a woman in public for your entertainment" and posted other denigrating comments calling Khelif male.

Interesting that Rowling and other critics, such as vice presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance and tech entreprenuer Elon Musk had no objection when these two women boxed during the 2021 Tokyo Olympics—and lost to multiple other women, taking no medals. No complaints that the winning female boxers in Tokyo were unfairly beating up on men.

It was Khelif's surprising victory last week over Italian boxer Angela Carini that got everyone worked up. Not surprising that Carini could lose—she also lost her first bout in the Tokyo Games—but she withdrew so quickly, after a heavy blow to her face. Her critics claimed the force of the blow must have been due to Khelif's level of male hormones or male something.

Those crying foul have bolstered their claims by pointing to the 2022 decision by the Russian-run International Boxing Association that tests showed the two boxers had abnormalities that made them ineligible to compete as women. Talk about curious timing — the decision was made after Khelif bested a Russian boxer. But the scandal-ridden IBA has been banished by the International Olympic Committee since 2019, and the IOC has since called its tests on Khelif and Lin "so flawed that it was impossible to deal with."

The boxers' case is similar to that of Caster Semenya, Olympic gold-medal-winning runner in the 2012 and 2016 Games, who has a condition that causes testosterone levels more typical of a male. But, despite the rumors, there's no evidence that Khelif or Lin Yu-ting have high testosterone levels or Y chromosomes.

Nor should it matter. Elite athletes usually have physical attributes that give them an advantage. For swimmer Michael Phelps, those include very large hands and feet that propel him through the water, along with a torso that's big for his size, helping with buoyancy. Gymnasts, basketball players and other star athletes generally have uncommon, inborn characteristics that they hone through discipline, practice and grit to reach the top. Where the concept of unfairness comes in

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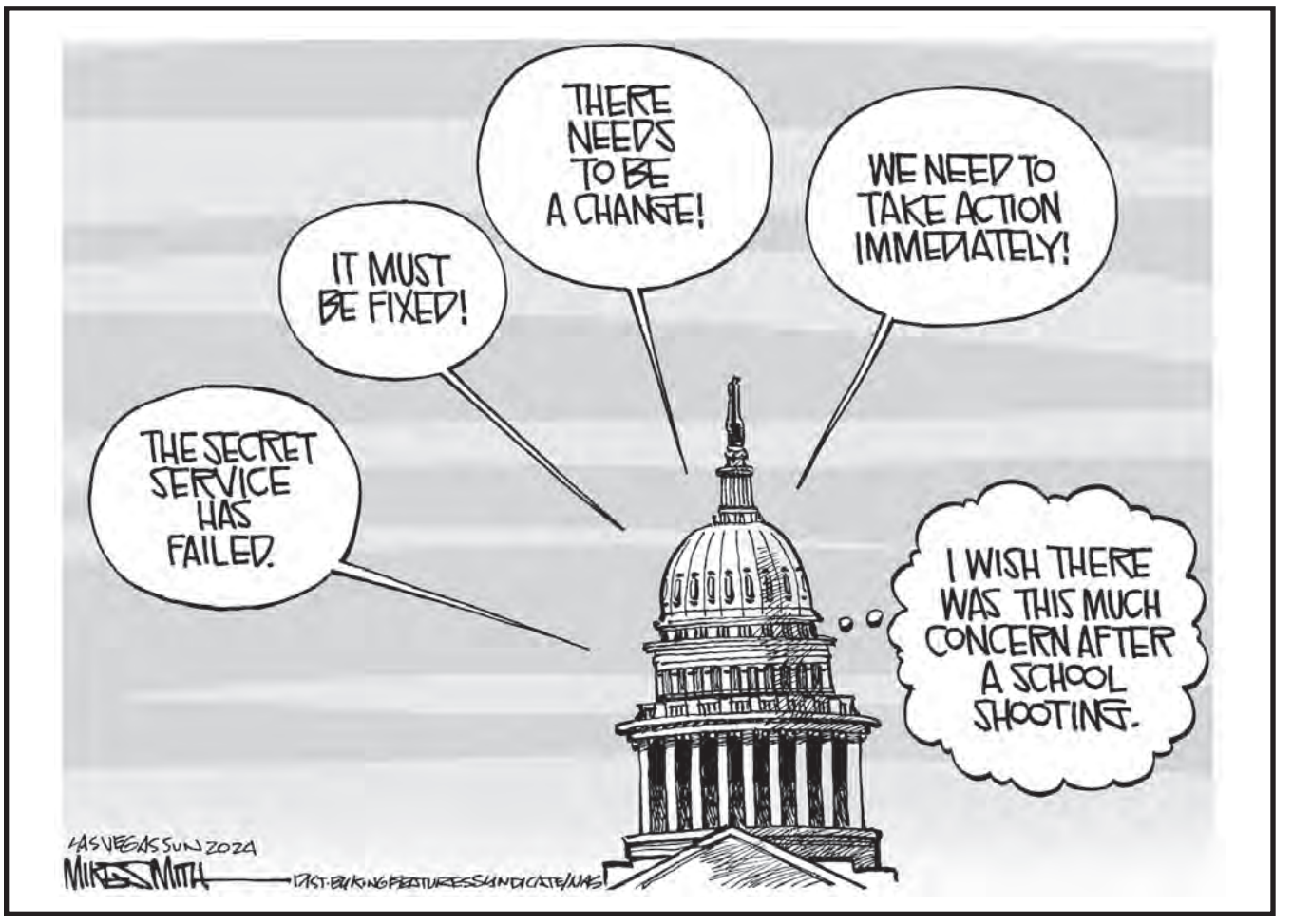
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A day at Mañagaha: Fountain of Youth

Author's note: These are excerpts from an essay I wrote sometime between 1995 and 1996 for the CNMI history class I was required to take for my teaching certification. Offered today in response to calls for public comment in the public hearing regarding the exclusive management contract with Marianas Global for Mañagaha.

By JIM RAYPHAND
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Mañagaha Island, intended by the framers of the CNMI Constitution to "be maintained as an uninhabited place and used only for cultural and recreational purposes," regularly receives on her beaches a great number of foreign visitors as well as local residents. Recreation is the focal point for most people who visit the island, and its cultural significance appears to be realized only by the Carolinians. While the Carolinians consider "Ghalaghaal" (Mañagaha) to be sacred ground, apparently others view it simply as a marketable place of business. Lino Olopai, a member of the Carolinian community, commented with an air of annoyance that the developments and large-scale trafficking of tourists on the island is "encroaching on the tradition of the Carolinians." He further stated that at the very least some of the proceeds obtained through the use of the island ought to somehow be distributed into the Carolinian community.

The tourists' role in this conflict of interests is an innocent one. They come from all over the world for a fresh breath of ocean air, a touch of unadulterated sunlight, and a dip in pristine blue waters—they get and do just that.

For the Carolinians, Mañagaha is symbolic of their cultural heritage and they reserve it as a place for remembrance. Chief Aghurub, along with some of his family, is buried there. Aghurub was one of the first two Carolinian chiefs who brought their families to settle on Saipan. It is customary to leave offerings to the spirits before departing from the island. According to Olopai, the fishermen "always leave the best fish and others leave such things as beetle nut and cigarettes."

I was unaware of the custom and the history behind it during my visit to the island, so after learning a little more about it I decided to write something as a kind of compensation for not paying my respects. The following is a reflection of my day at Ghalaghaal.

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Tasi Tours, a tourist corporation which transports hundreds of tourists back and forth to Mañagaha on a daily basis, allots a given number of seats per trip to locals at no charge.

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I followed the herd of tourists off the ferry onto the dock and we proceeded inland. After weaving through the swarms of people scattered over the beach, I found myself a half-shaded spot underneath an overhanging coconut tree. I sat halfway on my towel and took notice of the people around me.

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The small non-foreign contingent of visitors that I saw consisted of two young men in blue jeans and rolled up long sleeve shirts. They sat to the back of me among the coconut trees inland from the beach seemingly avoiding too much attention. They observed the frolicsome tourists as I was doing, but they expressed little emotion as they seemed to frown upon everything that was happening—their frowns did not seem so much angry, but rather implied a kind of seriousness like they were there for a reason that the tourists could not understand.

At the time I couldn't help thinking that somehow those two had missed the point of going to the beach; after all, what is a day at the beach, but an escape from seriousness. My mind wandered further in thinking of the contrast between the tourists who come to these islands and parade around the beaches practically naked while the locals, descendants of a race of people who resisted the concept of clothing introduced along with the idea of Christianity, are often too inhibited to be seen in anything that covers less than fifty percent of their bodies.

As the ferry pulled away from the dock at the end of the day, I stared back with satisfaction at my spot on the sand. I thought about how happy everybody seemed and I was grateful for the chance to share in an atmosphere of such lightheartedness, but then my mind flashed an image of the two men with frowns. I guessed they were Carolinian and I regretted not going over to say hello and maybe getting to know them a little. I wanted desperately to find out what they were contemplating.

My curiosity prompted me to find out as much as I could about Mañagaha. Much to my surprise, the island is considered by the Carolinians to be sacred ground. I started to think how the Japanese would be if a bunch of Carolinian tourists climbed into one of their Shinto shrines and ran around half naked laughing and screaming or what the Americans would say if they scattered themselves in the National Cemetery sunbathing and playing

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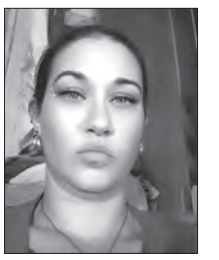
The Supreme Court should be ashamed for criminalizing homelessness

By CHRISTIANA STALNAKER
Progressive Perspectives



Christiana Stalnaker is a mother, advocate and volunteer with RESULTS from Four States, West Virginia.

I listened with profound sadness to the recent Supreme Court decision *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, which opens the door for people to be arrested simply for lacking shelter. This decision makes it legal for local governments to target, fine and even incarcerate people who fall asleep in public areas, regardless of whether there's safe, accessible shelter available.

Where's the compassion? Where's the justice?

I know what it's like to be without a place to call home. In the years before the pandemic, my husband and I were working hard to buy a house for our children and the animals we rescued. I'd overcome an opioid addiction. We had a small business and were starting to achieve our dreams.

But when the pandemic hit, we lost our business and our debts quickly mounted. We'd nearly completed the purchase of the house we'd been renting, but we lacked the money to transfer the deed. The owner of the deed decided to evict us.

We live in a small, rural West Virginia town where only two shelters are available—and none that would take our pets. So we lived in a tent with our children and animals for three months.

Losing your home is incredibly destabilizing. Without a fixed address, you can lose benefit payments, official mail, jobs and other critical opportunities. When I was evicted, I didn't have time to switch over my license plate to my new vehicle, which caused me to lose my license. I still haven't been able to regain my driving privileges.

We had to walk long distances for food and water, and we had no way to shower. My children had to change schools, and the emotional strain on them caused behavioral and mental health challenges that no child should have to experience.

We survived with help from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps. We got a tiny amount of cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program and health care through Medicaid.

We were eligible for housing assistance, but the wait was impossibly long due to the lack of available affordable housing. That's not just a problem in West Virginia—the United States has a shortage of more than 7 million affordable housing units for people with very low incomes.

Let me tell you this: No one wakes up one morning and chooses to be homeless. No one says to themselves, "How fun would it be for my kids and my family to live in a tent without food, water, school or transportation?"

The owner of the deed to our house finally relented and reduced the deed fee so we could take possession of our house and move back home. But so much damage had been done to the kids already—and we lost most of our rescued animals.

Once housed, I finished my masters in public administration. But with a felony conviction from my earlier days suffering through addiction, finding a job is challenging. My husband works but has medical challenges. We live paycheck to paycheck, hoping another disaster won't put us out on the street.

Things need to change for families like mine. The Supreme Court's cruel decision to penalize people who are suffering is a big step in the wrong direction. How is fining and arresting people who are too poor to pay going to help?

Here's a better idea. We need to invest in affordable housing, ensure people are paid living wages and support struggling families with a robust safety net.

I'm deeply saddened that our leaders would criminalize people suffering poverty, as if we were living in a Charles Dickens novel. Our laws must be better, and we must hold our officials accountable. We work hard at doing the right thing—they should, too.

Top Republicans know better than to back Trump

By LZ GRANDERSON
Los Angeles Times

LZ Granderson is an Op-Ed columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

When it comes to disaster movies, my biggest pet peeve is the sex scene. As soon as a Diane Warren song starts playing in the background, the male and female leads will lock eyes and suddenly decide they have time to cuddle. "Saving the planet" loses all sense of urgency.

That's what it feels like watching Republicans today refuse to endorse Kamala Harris because of the optics. They can see as well as anyone else that former President Trump is a threat to democracy. He says it openly. But apparently when members of the GOP look at their chances of holding on to power, the romantic music in their heads just sweeps them away.

Take Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp. If anyone knows how far Trump will go to grab power, it's him. Trump has been harassing him ever since losing the state to President Biden by 11,779 votes back in 2020. We heard Trump's phone call with Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. We saw the indictment (though whether the Fulton County district attorney can continue to prosecute it remains in limbo). Trump's allies tried to use fake electors to pretend he won the state.

Kemp followed the law and common sense and certified the real electors, which gave Biden the state's 16 electoral votes.

We're still hearing about Trump's grudge, most recently in a long rant at a campaign stop in Georgia.

"He's a bad guy. He's a disloyal guy. And he's a very average governor," Trump said on Saturday about Kemp, who has a 63% approval rating in his state—and whom Trump endorsed for governor in 2018.

If anyone knows of the danger that Trump represents, it's Kemp. And yet the governor responded to that latest barrage with a social media post supporting Trump's campaign: "my focus is on winning this November and saving our country from Kamala Harris and the Democrats—not engaging in the petty personal insults, attacking fellow Republicans, or dwelling on the past."

That's how he characterized Trump's attempt to overturn the election. Dwelling on the past. His wife, Marty Kemp, is so worried about what Trump would do if he regained power that she said she is going to write in her husband's name for president instead of voting for Trump. Oh, great. Such bravery.

Kemp is expected to run for Senate, so perhaps what we're seeing is that his political future matters more to him than the country's future does. He wouldn't want to be seen endorsing a Democrat, even when the alternative is a felon whom Kemp has personally seen attempting to overthrow American democracy.

The public spat between Kemp and Trump prompted Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) to beg the two to work things out. As if there's some sort of acceptable middle ground between democracy and a failed coup d'etat.

The political maneuverings from folks who used to say "never Trump"—such as Graham and Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance of Ohio—would not be possible without a healthy dose of cowardice.

Harris, like most politicians, will have to answer for positions she has taken in the past and may no longer support. But one stance she hasn't changed is on the importance of protecting a free and fair election. On the day of the Jan. 6 attack, Harris' motorcade came within 20 feet of the pipe bomb planted the day before outside the Democratic National Committee's office. Authorities still don't know who placed that one or the similar device found at the Republican National Committee's headquarters.

We are not in ordinary times. Many conservatives know this firsthand. And yet despite understanding the urgency that the moment calls for, they continue to make time to play politics, like the romantic leads in a doomsday flick. At least most of them do.

This week a new group launched, called Republicans for Harris. It's an effort to make it OK for conservatives to do all that they can to stop someone who tried to overturn the election from having another crack at becoming king. Among the most important strategies, of course, is voting for Trump's opponent. Many Americans who tend to vote Republican will be reluctant.

The Kemps of the world aren't helping, but consider the record of Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah. He has waffled at moments but mostly seems to have seen Trump for what he is and been bold enough to say so.

During the primary in 2016, Romney recorded robocalls in support of Marco Rubio and John Kasich, encouraging voters to vote for "a candidate who can defeat Hillary Clinton and who can make us proud." After Chris Christie endorsed Trump, Romney reportedly wrote Christie him an email saying Trump is "unquestionably mentally unstable, and he is racist, bigoted, misogynistic, xenophobic, vulgar and prone to violence."

In 2018, Romney accepted Trump's endorsement for the Senate. But in 2021 he voted for impeachment. Outlining his reasoning in a statement, Romney said the former president "attempted to corrupt the election by pressuring the Secretary of State of Georgia to falsify the elections results in his state" and "incited the insurrection against Congress by using the power of his office."

Romney and Christie are like many Republicans who knew the danger of Trump before he became president but chose party over country. Members of Republicans for Harris, and the half-dozen former Trump Cabinet members who refuse to endorse him, have decided not to make that mistake twice. Other politicians, such as Graham and Kemp, do not care what happens to democracy as long as their careers survive.

MAÑAGAHA

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their boom boxes. I could not decide how to feel about the situation, but I gained a better understanding for the solemn looks on the two men's faces.

In bed that night I tried to put into words what I thought or might have learned from the day's experience. The first thing I thought was that, if in fact Mañagaha is preserved for cultural purposes, it is hard to see any evidence of that unless one goes out there knowing what to look for—somehow that aspect needs to be better emphasized. Secondly, I thought about the question of respect—everyone at least needs to be made aware of the respect the island draws from the Carolinian community. Finally, I pondered the notion of so many people wanting to spend their days on such a tiny island.

What I think I realized was that for most of its visitors Mañagaha is more than just a chance to swim and get tanned.

It occurred to me that most people came, though maybe not consciously, with an auspicious notion of being able to take a dip back in time. A first romps and forgets herself in a sandbox; adults imitate her at the beach

Chief Aghurub asked to be buried in an upright sitting position on Mañagaha. He too apparently wanted to hold onto an aspect of his past, so forever he will sit on Mañagaha, a place intended for the preservation of culture, but more often used for the preservation of youth.

TRANSGENDER

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is when athletes enhance their natural attributes through banned substances.

The IOC does not ignore issues of transgenderism or other possible unfair advantages, but takes them on a case-by-case basis, basing decisions on evidence and science, as it should.

Unlike Rowling and her ilk, the IOC has the medical histories of the two boxers in hand, considered the science and concluded that they do not have an unfair advantage, and that they are what they say they are and have been since birth. Women.

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BLUES

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cils that can be carried over to next year, and the same goes for lightly used binders or notebooks.

While your child might want all-new, shiny supplies, you can save money by reusing certain items. Unless otherwise stated by the school, it's not necessarily true that your kid needs a new backpack, calculator, or USB drive for the new school year, as these things can often last many years. This could also be a good time to teach your little ones a lesson in saving and taking care of their personal items throughout the year.

Budget first, buy second

There are plenty of things that can't be reused and need to be purchased new. While many schools will send out school supply information as soon as they can, contact your child's school and request a list of what your child will need ahead of time so you can start putting together a budget.

Once you have a good idea of how much you need to spend on school supplies and what will be purchased, start researching. You might find better deals online or at a bulk retailer for basic supplies like paper or pens, especially if you have multiple kids to provide for.

Dress to impress

A newly updated wardrobe is a must for many kids before they step back into the classroom, especially if they've hit a growth spurt. Late summer and early fall are great times to shop for those first-day-of-school outfits.

As quickly as kids grow, it might be tough for you to pull the trigger on new, brand-name clothing. Instead, hit your nearest thrift store before stopping by the mall, or even check out Walmart or Target. You can find great deals on brand-name clothes for your little ones, and you won't feel like you're wasting money since they're going to outgrow them before the year is up anyway.

Back-to-school ads will flood your inbox soon, but don't ignore them, along with other junk mail. Instead, use them to get an idea of current costs and start preparing your school supplies budget. Think of it as setting a good example for the kids: Even Mom and Dad must do homework.

If you have questions about creating a budget for back-to-school or your financial picture in general, make a free appointment with one of CommunityAmerica's Financial Well-Being Coaches. You do not need to be a member to use their services.

12K children will not return to school on Aug. 8

GUAM—Bill No. 317-37 that would have prevented public schools from closing failed to pass. Democrat Senator Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas introduced this legislation at the request of the Guam Department of Education.

"I want to apologize to the children and parents for the 37th Guam Legislature's failure to pass Bill 317-37," said San Nicolas. "The closure of 26 schools will affect more than 12,00 students."

According to GDOE, 18 schools are awaiting inspections, plus eight are up for re-inspection later this month.

If the bill was enacted, Bill 317 would allow Guam Department of Education public schools awaiting Department of Public Health and Social Services inspections to open for School Year 2024-2025. With Bill 317's failure to pass by the Guam Legislature, public school students will be in double session, alternating schedules, and or online learning.

San Nicolas

Voting to keep schools close were Sens. Telo Taitague, Frank Blas Jr., Joanne Brown, Jesse Lujan, Chris Barnett, Speaker Therese Terlaje, and Sabina Perez.

"Thank you to Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, Sens. Joe S. San Agustin, Roy A.B. Quinata, Amanda Shelton, and Thomas Fisher for voting in favor of Bill 317," Sen. San Nicolas said. "I also want to thank DPHSS for their willingness to collaborate and to work with GDOE on a weekly basis to keep schools open. Thank you to the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio administration for standing ready to get our children back to school." ***(PR)***

GCC extends office hours to accommodate students, new students

Guam Community College offices has extended office hours starting, Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 to accommodate registering new and returning students for the Fall 2024 semester.

The following departments and services will open daily, Monday through Friday 8am to 6pm through Aug/ 16:

- Admissions & Registration (Building 2000)
- Adult Basic Education (Building 6000, second floor)
- Cashier (Building 2000)
- Financial Aid (Building 2000)
- Health Center (Building 5000 for required health clearance)
- Student Support Services (Building C to process student identification cards)

» Fall 2024 student orientation on Aug. 12

The Fall semester starts on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, however students looking to register may still do so until 6pm, Friday, Aug. 16.

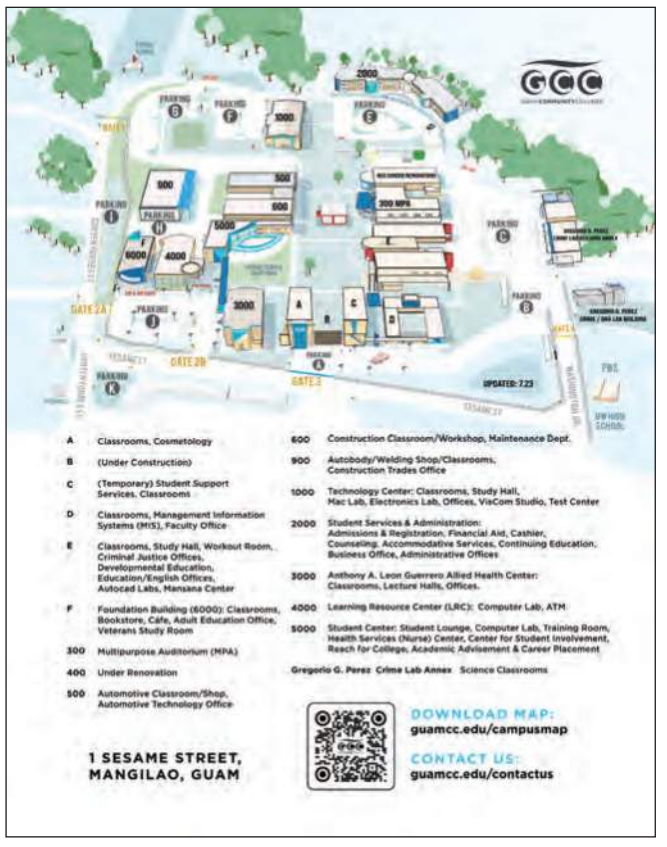
New student orientation

Guam Community College will host its Fall 2024 Student Orientation on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024 at 9am in the Multipurpose Auditorium (Building 300) on the Mangilao campus. The orientation is for all new GCC students and all full-time students who have not attended student orientation.

Important information will be shared regarding admissions and Registration, Counseling, Financial Aid, Accommodative Services, Student Support Services, Reach for College, and other information relative to student life at GCC.

A guided campus tour will be conducted immediately after the orientation, which will highlight GCC's academic programs, resources, and student services. The students are encouraged wear comfortable shoes.

Any individuals requiring special accommodations for orientation should contact the GCC Office of Accommodative Services at (671) 735-5641 extension 5597. For more information on the orientation, contact Center for Student Involvement at (671) 735-8887 extension 5518/5519 or email csi@guamcc.edu. ***(PR)***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Lovingly known as Vi
We, the Children and Family of our beloved mom, †Vivian, also lovingly known as "Vi", wish to express our sincerest and deepest gratitude and heartfelt "Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase", to Father Melvin Avilla, his Assistants, all Alter Servers, the St. Jude Parish & Staff, Ms. Rita Villagomez, the various Choirs & St. Jude Choir, and all family, friends, and acquaintances near and far who have shared in the celebration and remembrance of our beloved †Vivian during the daily mass of intentions for her 1st year death anniversary.
We are truly blessed and grateful for your presence, kindness, love, generosity, and most especially your prayers. Though our beloved is no longer with us, we thank the Heavenly Father for the gift of our mom. August 3rd marks one year since she left us. May she rest in peace. May God's grace and blessings be upon us now and always.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase / Thank You / Arigato Gozaimasu,
Children and Families of
†Vivian Koyama Pangelinan-Cruz

Business

Kanto Diyes mixes it up with Halo-Halo Overload

By MARK RABAGO
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EDITOR

Kanto Diyes is literally mixing it up with the introduction of its Halo-Halo Overload last month to satisfy the dessert cravings of loyal customers.

Owner Dante Suarez Conlu said they had no choice but to come up with the Halo-Halo Overload after insistent demand from patrons who often want something sweet after feasting on their savory delicious chicken inasal, pork, shrimp, and longganiza skewers, kansi, and kadyos, among others.

He said initially they didn't want to serve desserts and even jokingly told customers that they should just go to other establishments to satisfy their dessert fix.

However, all changed when he thought of offering halo-halo Korea bingsu style, which means serving it in a large bowl.

"What sets Kanto Diyes' Halo-Halo Overload apart from other halo-halo version on island is how we serve it as instead of a tall glass, we serve it in a bowl—Korean bingsu style," said Conlu.

MARK RABAGO
Kanto Diyes' Halo-Halo Overload.

He said with halo-halo served in a tall glass, it makes it harder to mix the toppings so Kanto Diyes changed it up a bit by serving their version of halo-halo in a large bowl.

"Serving it in a large bowl allows customers to enjoy their halo-halo by tasting all the toppings since you can easily now mix all the ingredients together, which is what halo-halo is really all about. So, in a way the spirit and essence of halo-halo is best represented by our version of the Philippine's unofficial national dessert."

Aside from the sheer serving size of Kanto Diyes' Halo-Halo Overload, Conlu and company also doesn't scrimp on the ingredients as their halo-halo comes chockfull with langka or jackfruit, sweet corn, sweetened banana, kaong or sweetened coconut palm, ube jam, macapuno, ice cream, leche flan, nata de coco or coconut cream jelly, almonds, and pinipig or flattened crispy rice (which always stays crunchy)—all topped with shaved ice and evaporated milk.

And the cost? Just $10 with the serving good for 2-3 people, but Conlu admitted a group of four friends once shared a single bowl of Halo-Halo Overload.

He added that unlike other halo-halo versions, their Halo-Halo Overload is not overly sweet as Conlu said they make it a point that the dessert's sweetness just comes from the ingredients.

According to the internet, the origin of halo-halo is traced to the pre-war Japanese Filipinos and the Japanese kakigōri class of desserts. One of the earliest versions of halo-halo was a dessert known locally as monggo con hielo (derived from the Spanish Filipino dessert maíz con hielo) or mongo-ya, which consisted of only mung beans, boiled and cooked in syrup (minatamis na monggo), served on top of crushed ice with milk and sugar. Over time, more native ingredients were added, resulting in the creation and development of the modern halo-halo.

MARK RABAGO
Kanto Diyes owner Dante Suarez Conlu at this "halo-halo, smoothies, and shaved ice" station.

MARK RABAGO
Kanto Diyes is located along Flores Rosa Street corner Alaihai Avenue near the back of Dollar Days in Garapan.

Aside from the Halo-Halo Overlaod, Kanto Diyes also recently introduced four new flavors of iced tea—fresh calamansi, fresh lemon, pineapple, and mango. So far, the bestsellers have been the fresh calamansi and mango. It costs only $3 with a free second refill.

Conlu said they've also started offering $3 shaved ice, smoothies using seasonal fruits like dragon fruit, banana, papaya, and mango for only $7 (powder smoothies can also be had for only $5), and ice coffee for customers looking for their caffeine fix.

Kanto Diyes is open for dine-in and takeout every day from 11am to 9:30pm. It can seat a maximum of 50 customers and is located along Flores Rosa Street corner Alaihai Avenue near the back of Dollar Days in Garapan.

For more information, to reserve, or to order in advance, call (670) 989-2728, (670) 483-2227, or email dconlu30@gmail.com. Kanto Diyes is also on Facebook.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of August 9, 2024

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

NO.	APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1.	Department of Public Works (DPW)	6/27/2024 SPI-2024-062	Agatan Stream/South Achugao Drainage & Road Improvements and Construction of Concrete Head Wall Inlet/Outlet & Swale Project	Tanapag, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 7/29/2024
2.	Department of Public Works (DPW)	7/1/2024 RMS-2024-065	Rota Route 103 Improvement Project	Sinapalo, Rota	Major Siting	Public Hearing* 8/21/2024
3.	GPPC Marine, LLC.	7/15/2024 SPIm-2024-070	Drydock Activities	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 7/22/2024
4.	Saipan Marine Dive Co., Ltd.	7/15/2024 SLR-2024-071	Commercial SCUBA Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 7/25/2024
5.	Saipan Crewboats, Inc.	7/18/2024 SPIm-2024-072	Drydock Activities	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 7/29/2024
6.	Department of Public Works (DPW)	7/24/2024 SSm-2024-073	Obyan Concrete Road Paving and Drainage Improvement	Obyan Road, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 8/7/2024
7.	Pacific Ocean Saipan, LLC.	7/30/2024 SLR-2024-074	Commercial Snorkeling & Freediving	All Designated Swim Zones, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review*
8.	Carolinian Affairs Office (CAO)	7/31/2024 SSm-2024-075	Construction of Seven Beach Pala-Pala Structures	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Application Under Review*
9.	Office of Grants Management (OGM)	8/1/2024 SS-2024-076-A1 (Formerly APC2022-0015)	Construction of PakPak Beach Recreational Park	San Antonio, Saipan	Shoreline	Application Under Review*
10	Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC)	8/2/2024 SPI-2024-077	Construction of SO2 Workshop Facility	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Application Under Review*
11.	JARRWC	7/18/2024 TSm-2024-004	Recovery & Repatriation of WW2 Remains	Unai Babui & Suicide Cliff, Tinian	Shoreline	Approved* 7/30/2024

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Life & Style

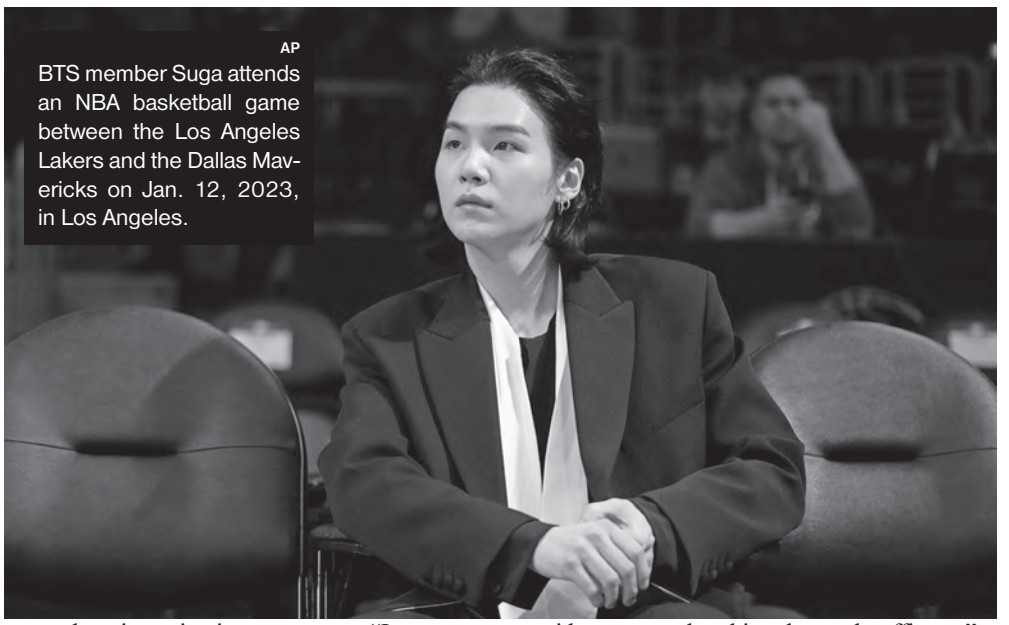
Suga of K-pop sensation BTS fined for driving while drunk

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Suga, a member of K-pop sensation BTS, apologized Wednesday for driving an electric vehicle while intoxicated.

His label, Big Hit Music, said Min Yoon-gi, famously known as Suga, was driving an "electric kickboard" Tuesday night when he fell while parking it. A police officer spotted him and administered a breathalyzer test which Suga failed, leading to his license being revoked and a fine, the label added.

An electric kickboard refers to a type of vehicle without a seat. However, police told local media Suga's vehicle had a seat and resembled an electric scooter under traffic law. The type of vehicle affects the penalty for drunk driving.

Yongsan Police Station in Seoul reportedly booked him for violating the Road Traffic Act. It's currently unclear whether the police have begun the investigation process. Multiple calls to the station's spokesperson went unanswered.



AP

BTS member Suga attends an NBA basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Dallas Mavericks on Jan. 12, 2023, in Los Angeles.

The K-pop star issued an apology on Weverse, an online fan platform, saying he was driving after consuming alcohol at dinner.

"I come to you with a very heavy heart and deep apologies for disappointing you with this regrettable incident," Suga wrote on Weverse. "I thought complacently that it was a short distance, not realizing I was not allowed to ride the electric scooter while intoxicated, breaking the road traffic act."

Suga has been doing his mandatory military service as a social service agent since September 2023. Such agents typically work regular work hours and are allowed to return home after work hours.

Big Hit Music, his label, also apologized, stating: "He will accept any disciplinary measures from the place of duty regarding actions that caused social controversy as a social service worker."

According to the spokesperson from the Military Manpower Administration, the incident will not impact his current status as an agent since it happened outside of official working hours.

In South Korea, all able-bodied men must serve in the army, navy or air force for 18-21 months under a conscription system established due to threats from rival North Korea.

Individuals with certain physical or mental conditions may instead serve for 21 months at non-military institutions such as welfare centers, community service centers and post offices.

Steve Martin turns down Tim Walz impersonation role on 'SNL,' dashing internet's casting hopes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steve Martin's next role will not be the Midwestern politician the internet hoped he'd portray.

With Maya Rudolph's wildly popular impression of Kamala Harris on "Saturday Night Live," fans clamored to see who the late-night comedy show would pick to play Harris' new running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz.

With similar hairstyles and their signature glasses, many fans quickly drew comparisons between Walz and Martin, who's been a frequent "SNL" guest but never a formal cast member.

The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday that "SNL" producer Lorne Michaels called Martin to offer him the role on the upcoming 50th season, premiering Sept. 28, which he declined.

"I wanted to say no and, by the way, he wanted me to say no," Martin said. "I said, 'Lorne, I'm not an impressionist. You need someone who can really nail the guy.' I was picked because I have gray hair and glasses."

Although Martin initially leaned into the fun, writing on social platform Threads that he "just learned that Tim Walz wants to go on the road with Marty Short," he also noted the impression comes with a long-term commitment of performing on the show.

AP

Steve Martin arrives at the 2015 Vanity Fair Oscar Party, Feb. 22, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Organizers cancel Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna over fears of an attack

VIENNA (AP)—Organizers of three Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna this week called them off on Wednesday after officials announced arrests over an apparent plot to launch an attack on an event in the Vienna area such as the concerts.

Swift was scheduled to play at the Austrian capital's Ernst Happel Stadium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as part of her Eras Tour.

Event organizer Barracuda Music said in a post on its Instagram channel late Wednesday that "we have no choice but to cancel the three scheduled shows for everyone's safety." It cited government officials' "confirmation" of a planned attack at the stadium.

Taylor

Earlier Wednesday, authorities said they had arrested two suspected extremists, one of whom appeared to be planning an attack on an event in the Vienna area such as the upcoming concerts.

The 19-year-old main suspect was arrested in Ternitz, south of Vienna, and the second person in the Austrian capital.

Franz Ruf, the public security director at Austria's interior ministry, said authorities were aware of "preparatory actions" for a possible attack "and also that there is a focus by the 19-year-old perpetrator on the Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna," the Austria Press Agency reported.

Ruf said the 19-year-old had pledged an oath of allegiance to the Islamic State group.

The Austrian citizen is believed to have become radicalized on the internet. Ruf said that chemical substances were secured and were being evaluated. He didn't give more details.

The cancelation came hours after authorities said security measures for the Swift concerts would be stepped up. Ruf said that there would be a special focus among other things on entry checks and concertgoers should plan a bit more time.

Vienna police chief Gerhard Pürstl said at the same time that, while any concrete danger had been minimized, an abstract risk justified raising security.

Unstable relative reappears as father's health declines

DEAR ABBY: My aunt frequently cuts people out of her life for perceived slights -- small, large and imagined. A few years ago, she got into a fight with my dad (her brother). Somehow, the rest of my family got cut out, too. Guilt by association, I guess.

She has done it to me so many times that I decided this last time would be it. I no longer want the drama of being "let back in" (without explanation or apology), only to be mysteriously cut off again.

Unfortunately, my dad is in ill health. He and his sister have recently made contact, but it is only surface conversation. When he passes, how do I let her know about his death without inviting her back into my life? No one in our family wants her at the funeral. Thanks for your wisdom.

UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: Tell your aunt about her brother's death and let her decide if she wishes to attend the funeral. If she comes, be cordial. The woman is obviously troubled, but she should be allowed to pay her last respects if she wishes. Permitting her to do this does not need to change anything between the two of you. Remember, funerals exist to comfort the living, and that includes your aunt.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married nearly 30 years, and there is nothing fundamentally wrong with my marriage or my husband. However, since I began working at home, I have noticed that my husband has a variety of irritating personal habits and idiosyncrasies that, because I was away at work all day, I never truly "appreciated" until now.

On one hand, I have always believed that home is the one place where people should be fully embraced despite their imperfections. On the other, he is driving me out of my gourd! Just like with sausage, maybe spouses should not be examined too carefully. Any advice for renewing the mystery in our relationship?

UP THE WALL IN OREGON

DEAR UP THE WALL: If all that's missing is the mystery, perhaps you and your husband should see less of each other as soon as it is feasible. Being elbow to elbow day after day can diminish the romance if my mail is any indication. In the meantime, if there is something that needs tweaking, tell your husband what bothers you so he can make some changes -- as long as you are willing to do the same for him. It could save your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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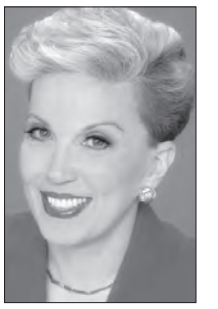

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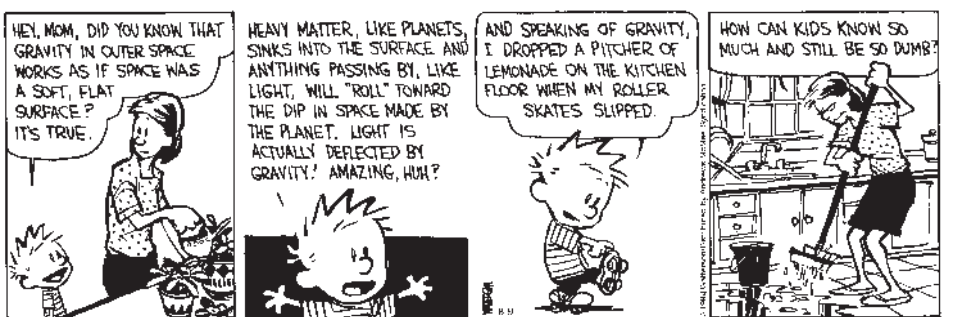
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HEY, MOM, DID YOU KNOW THAT GRAVITY IN OUTER SPACE WORKS AS IF SPACE WAS A SOFT, FLAT SURFACE? IT'S TRUE.
HEAVY MATTER, LIKE PLANETS, SINKS INTO THE SURFACE. AND ANYTHING PASSING BY, LIKE LIGHT, WILL "ROLL" TOWARD THE DIP IN SPACE MADE BY THE PLANET. LIGHT IS ACTUALLY DEFLECTED BY GRAVITY! AMAZING, HUH?
AND SPEAKING OF GRAVITY, I DROPPED A PITCHER OF LEMONADE ON THE KITCHEN FLOOR WHEN MY ROLLER SKATES SLIPPED.
HOW CAN KIDS KNOW SO MUCH AND STILL BE SO DUMB?

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I'VE MADE MY FIRST COFFEE BLEND. I CALL IT "ADAM TEST #1!"
OKAY. LET ME TRY.
SIP
GAK!!
THE FIRST SIP KINDA JUMPS OUT OF THE BUSHES AT YOU.
AND YET I CRAVE MORE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

UP AND AT 'EM!
YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO WIN AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL ROLLING OUT OF BED AT NOON, THEN LYING ON THE COUCH DRINKING BEER ALL DAY.
DANG! THEN IT WAS ALL A DREAM.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Happy Birthday: Participate, make a difference and use your gifts, attributes and connections to advance your agenda. Speak passionately, let your personality shine through and stop worrying about what others say or do. Stand tall, exude confidence, and stretch to meet demands and obligations. Make memories, develop alliances and build a strong base. 2024 is the year to progress, diversify and grow. Shoot for the stars. Your numbers are 5, 17, 22, 24, 31, 36, 40.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Broadening your research, long-term plans and interests will lead you into unfamiliar territory and limitless new beginnings. The activities you engage in and the people you meet will offer insight into exciting possibilities. Don't limit yourself when growth can lead to inspiration. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Be wary of someone's friendly gestures. Question everything and everyone, and choose to do what fulfills your needs. Stick to what you know and change only what's necessary. Use your insight and be secretive regarding your next move. Stay calm, choose your words wisely and carry on. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Establish what you want before you act. Knowledge is a powerful tool when you are dealing with outside influences. Understand what's possible, who's involved and the contribution you want to make. Understand the imprint your actions will have on your lifestyle. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You have more time than what others lead you to believe. Ask direct questions, and don't commit to anything that causes uncertainty. Rely on your intuition and make changes that encourage profit and advancement. Set a strict budget and don't budge, regardless of the temptation. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A positive attitude will work wonders when convincing others to pitch in and help. Avoid losing sleep over what you cannot change when directing your attention and energy to what's doable; it will make a difference and prove you can achieve much more. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Waffling indicates you aren't ready to change. Refuse to let outsiders influence your decisions or interfere with your plans. Stick to a time frame that works for you, and use your charm and intelligence to navigate through unstable situations. Concentrate on personal growth. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Live and learn. Experience is the best teacher. Getting involved in something you feel passionate about will change your life and connect you to fascinating people and exciting ways to use your skills. Travel and communication will offer hope for new beginnings. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Make plans with people who bring out the best in you. Sharing thoughts, intentions and inside information will take you on a diverse adventure that encourages long-term stabilization and less stress. Embrace changes that promote a positive attitude. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Hold your thoughts. Prematurely revealing how you feel or what you will do next will work against you. Timing is everything, and to take advantage of an opportunity, you must learn to execute your will when it will be most effective. Protect your reputation. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Refuse to let your emotional energy lead you in an adverse direction. Focus on broadening your awareness or channeling your energy into activities that stimulate you mentally and physically or help you find a diverse application for your skills that promotes higher income and less stress. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Adjust your living space to suit your needs and budget. Lower your overhead or sell off items you no longer use or want. Address and negotiate contracts, mortgages and rent, and look for alternatives that impact your daily living expenses. Stop waffling; initiate change. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Set standards and boundaries and refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Temptation will cost you if you lack discipline. Be careful what you spend your money on and the lifestyle you choose to live. Say no to change unless it simplifies your life. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are kind, accommodating and outgoing. You are direct and changeable.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's Answer

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9	4	5	6	7	2	3	1	8
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

MEMORIES WE CAN'T FORGET **Solution: 8 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Cabbage

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Quincy Hall gives Americans another come-from-behind gold

PARIS (AP)—Quincy Hall became the latest American to electrify Olympic track and field with an out-of-nowhere comeback Wednesday night at the Paris Olympics.

Hall sprinted from far behind in the 400 meters to reel in three runners and capture the gold medal. Hall, buried in fourth place as the runners rounded the last bend, outran the runner on his outside, then two more to the inside to cross the line in 43.40 seconds, the fourth-fastest time ever.

Hall then dropped to the track to do snow angels to celebrate.

Matthew Hudson-Smith of Britain finished second and Muzala Samukonga of Zambia finished third.

Hall is the first American since LaShawn Merritt in 2008 to capture gold in the one-lap race. His victory came an evening after teammate Cole Hocker came from far behind late to beat the favorites in the men's 1,500.

The win came about an hour after Noah Lyles advanced to the final of the 200 meters despite finishing second to Letsile Tebogo in his semifinal heat. Lyles will race for the gold medal Thursday.

Highlights of what happened on Day 12 of the Paris Olympics:

AP

Quincy Hall, left, of the United States, beats Matthew Hudson-Smith, of Britain, to win the men's 400-meter final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, in Saint-Denis, France.

US takes silver and almost pulls upset in steeplechase

Soufiane El Bakkali of Morocco defended his title in the men's steeplechase with a .36-second win over American rival Kenneth Rooks.

Rooks had the lead heading into the homestretch and was looking to pull off a massive upset, but El Bakkali overtook him. Rooks still beat his personal best by almost 9 seconds to capture the second silver in three Olympics in the event for the United States.

Australia reaches new heights with pole vault win

Nina Kennedy's gold medal in the pole vault was Australia's 18th at the Paris Games, an Olympic record for the country.

Kennedy cleared 4.95 meters to beat defending champion Katie Moon of the U.S.

Lin Yu-ting advances to gold-medal bout

Boxer Lin Yu-ting of Taiwan advanced to the gold-medal bout in the women's featherweight division. She won her third consecutive bout while dealing with widespread scrutiny regarding misconceptions about her gender.

One day after welterweight Imane Khelif of Algeria reached her weight division's final with a third straight victory in Paris, Lin defeated Esra Yildiz Kahraman of Turkey 5:0.

Lin will fight for gold on Saturday.

Lin and Khelif have dominated all of their Olympic bouts despite the massive distractions created by the fallout from the Olympic-banished International Boxing Association's decision last year to disqualify both fighters from the world championships for allegedly failing an eligibility test.

Both fighters have responded to this unwelcome spotlight by making two of the best tournament runs of their lengthy amateur careers.

US women's basketball keeps winning

A'ja Wilson scored 20 points and Jackie Young added 15 to help the United States beat Nigeria 88-74 in the women's basketball quarterfinals. The victory extended the Americans' record Olympic winning streak to 59.

Breanna Stewart also had 13 points for the Americans, who haven't lost since the 1992 Barcelona Games and are now two victories away from an unprecedented eighth consecutive gold medal. They will face a familiar foe in Australia in the semifinals on Friday night.

The loss ended a historic run by Nigeria, which became the first African country to reach the Olympic basketball quarterfinals.

Americans win gold in women's team pursuit

The American women's pursuit team had twice before raced for the Olympic gold medal, and it had been on the podium all three times the cycling event had been on the program for the Summer Games.

Successful, but never on top.

The U.S. changed that at the Olympic velodrome when road race champion Kristen Faulkner, time trial bronze medalist Chloe Dygert, Jennifer Valente and Lilly Williams finally took that last step up.

They soared to a big early lead on New Zealand in their head-to-head showdown, then held on through a ragged finish to finally win the gold medal.

The Americans led by more than a second a quarter of the way through the 4,000-meter race, and they stretched the gap at one point to nearly two seconds. When they began to come apart from their single-file, aerodynamic draft with about two laps to go, they had to fight to the finish to hold off Ally Wollaston, Bryony Botha, Emily Shearman and Nicole Shields.

In the final of the men's pursuit, Sam Welsford, Oliver Bleddyn, Conor Leahy and Kelland O'Brien of Australia beat Britain in a close final at the Vélodrome National de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to win gold for the first time in two decades.

US weight off his shoulders

Hampton Morris became the first U.S. men's weightlifter to earn an Olympic medal in four decades, taking bronze in the 61-kilogram division. It had not happened since Mario Martinez and Guy Carlton at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, notably boycotted by several communist countries.

The 20-year-old Morris, trained by his dad in the garage at their home in Marietta, Georgia, finished third in a competition won again by Li Fabin of China. Li defended his title from the Tokyo Games in 2021 and set an Olympic snatch record.

US figure skaters finally get their medal

A touch of winter came to the Summer Games when the United States figure skating team finally got their gold medals as 2022 Olympic champions.

The special medal ceremony allowed the nine Americans to receive the medals exactly 2½ years after the figure skating team event ended at the Beijing Olympics. A doping saga from the winning Russian team led to the Americans being declared the winner.

All nine American skaters came to Paris: Karen Chen, Evan Bates, Nathan Chen, Madison Chock, Zachary Donohue, Brandon Frazier, Madison Hubbell, Alexa Knierim and Vincent Zhou. Seven of the eight members of the Japan team came to get their silver medals—an upgrade from their third-place result in Beijing.

A Russian appeal trying to win back the Olympic team title was dismissed at the Court of Arbitration for Sport just before the Paris Games opened. The title had been stripped in January when a different CAS panel disqualified Russian teenager Kamila Valieva for doping with a banned heart medication. She also was banned for four years.

China dominates artistic swimming

China took gold in the artistic swimming team event, dominating in the absence of Russia, which had won every gold medal in artistic beginning with the 2000 Sydney Games.

It was a big medal for China, and also a step forward for the sport, which changed its name from synchronized swimming several years ago to update its image. Some swimmers still call it "synchro."

China finished with 996.1389 points, ahead of the United States and Spain. It was the first U.S. medal in the sport since 2004.

Men had an opportunity for the first time to compete in artistic swimming at the Olympics, but no men were picked by any of the teams. There is consideration to add a mixed duet team event for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, which would create more space for men to compete.

It's some Olympic rematches in the Paris basketball semifinals, with US-Serbia and Germany-France

PARIS (AP)—U.S. coach Steve Kerr knows something unexpected is going to happen when his team plays against Serbia in the semifinals of the Paris Olympics. Maybe Serbia will change its lineup. Maybe Nikola Jokic will play the entire game. Or maybe the surprise will be that there's no surprise at all.

Whatever the case, Kerr knows the Americans have to be ready for anything.

The U.S. will look to reach the gold-medal game for the 18th time in its 20 Olympic appearances when it faces Serbia in the semifinals of the Paris Games on Thursday night. The Americans are 2-0 against Serbia this summer, winning an exhibition last month and then winning again in the Olympic opener for both teams.

"Serbia is really good," Kerr said. "We can't get lulled to sleep because we beat them twice. We have to be prepared for their best effort."

The final four teams at the Paris Games aren't an overly surprising mix, and the semifinal games are both rematches from contests earlier in this tournament.

World Cup champion Germany takes on Victor Wembanyama and host France in the first semifinal, while World Cup runner-up Serbia takes on the four-time defending Olympic champion U.S. in the second semifinal. Germany, Serbia and the U.S. were all favored in their quarterfinal wins over Greece, Australia and Brazil, respectively, while France pulled the lone surprise of sorts by ousting Canada.

Serbia rallied from 24 points down to beat Australia. Germany—which had barely trailed at all in the tournament before Tuesday—erased a 12-point deficit to beat Greece.

"We stayed together. We didn't panic, we stayed together," Germany coach Gordie Herbert said. "Adversity's good. The quarterfinal is one of the toughest games to play. And we just talked about enjoying the moment, but it's easy to say, not so easy to do."

The medal games are Saturday. Thursday's winners play for gold, Thursday's losers play for bronze.

"It's a great feeling to be able to make sure we play on the last day of the tournament, to make sure we give ourselves a chance to win a medal," France guard Evan Fournier said. "And hopefully it's going to be the right one."

Happ, Michael Busch homers power Cubs past Twins, 8-2

CHICAGO (AP)—Ian Happ and Michael Busch homered and five Chicago pitchers combined for a six-hitter as the Cubs beat the Minnesota Twins 8-2 on Wednesday.

Javier Assad worked the first four innings and Jorge López (2-2) worked two innings and earned the victory. The Cubs took the last two games of the three-game series and have won six of their last eight.

Trevor Richards (2-2), who entered when starter Joe Ryan' left in the third, didn't make it out of the inning. Richards allowed three runs after walking five and throwing two wild pitches. One of the errant throws allowed a run to score and the Cubs added a run on Seiya Suzuki's bases-loaded walk. Isaac Paredes added a sacrifice fly as the Cubs moved out to a 4-2 lead.

The Cubs' relievers held the Twins to just three hits after Assad departed.

AP

Chicago Cubs' Ian Happ, right, celebrates with Christian Bethancourt after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Chicago, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024.

ATHLETICS 3, WHITE SOX 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Armando Alvarez and Zack Gelof hit RBI singles and Lawrence Butler knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly—all in the seventh inning—as Oakland rallied past the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox lost their 10th straight series, one day after ending their American League record-tying 21-game losing streak. Chicago (28-89) hasn't won consecutive games since a three-game streak from June 27-29. The White Sox fell to 8-24 in one-run games and 0-67 when trailing after seven innings.

Oakland (48-68) improved to 5-1-1 in its last seven series.

ASTROS 6, RANGERS 4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Yordan Alvarez hit a 117 mph homer for the Houston slugger's hardest shot of the season, Yusei Kikuchi struck out eight pitching into the sixth inning and the Astros beat Texas.

Victor Caratini also went deep while Jeremy Peña, Mauricio Dubón, Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman drove in a run apiece for Houston, which started the day a half-game behind Seattle in the division with Texas five back.

Kikuchi (5-9) held Texas scoreless through five innings before Marcus Semien's 17th home run, a solo shot, leading off the sixth.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, GUARDIANS 3. 1ST GAME
DIAMONDBACKS 5, GUARDIANS 3, 2ND GAME

CLEVELAND (AP)—Josh Bell homered twice and drove in three runs, Eduardo Rodriguez went 5 2/3 innings to win his season debut, and Arizona beat Cleveland to sweep a doubleheader Wednesday.

In the first game, Arizona received two-run homers from Ketel Marte, Geraldo Perdomo and Corbin Carroll in a 7-3 victory. The Diamondbacks won their seventh straight series and moved into the first National League wild-card spot.

Rodriguez, who joined Arizona on a four-year contract in December, had been sidelined with a left shoulder strain. The left-hander gave up three runs and is 7-0 with a 2.51 ERA in nine career starts against Cleveland.

Justin Martinez loaded the bases in the ninth before striking out Lane Thomas to end the game, earning his second save of the series and his career.

Catcher Adrian Del Castillo made his major league debut—doubling in a run in his initial plate appearance — and Randal Grichuk had a solo homer for the Diamondbacks, who are 24-9 since June 29.

GIANTS 7, NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON (AP)—Heliot Ramos and Matt Chapman hit fifth-inning solo homers to break a 3-3 tie and the San Francisco beat Washington.

Ramos homered for the second straight game, and Chapman finished a triple short of the cycle for the Giants, who have won nine of 12. Mike Yastrzemski added a solo homer and an RBI triple.

Blake Snell (2-3), coming off a no-hitter against the A's in his last start, gave up three runs on four hits over six innings, retiring the last nine hitters he faced. He had allowed only two earned runs total in his five starts since coming off the injured list. Snell, who struck out eight and walked one, threw 93 pitches.

MARLINS 6, REDS 4

MIAMI (AP)—Derek Hill's grand slam capped a five-run first inning and Marlins starter Valente Bellozo carried a shutout into the sixth as Miami held off a late rally and beat Cincinnati.

Hill, claimed on waivers from San Francisco on Saturday, drove a fastball from Reds starter Andrew Abbott (9-9) 412 feet to center after Jonah Bride singled and Jesus Sanchez and Otto Lopez walked. It was the left fielder's fourth homer of the season and first as a Marlin.

ORIOLES 7, BLUE JAYS 3

TOTONTO (AP)—Anthony Santander hit two home runs and made a spectacular catch while Jackson Holliday added a two-run homer of his own to help Baltimore beat Toronto.

The switch-hitting Santander connected for a two-run shot off Blue Jays right-hander Bowden Francis in the first inning, then added a solo homer off left-hander Ryan Yarbrough from the other side of the plate in the eighth. The homers were his 33rd and 34th, a career high.

Santander leads MLB with 25 home runs since the start of June. It was his third multi-homer game of the season and the 16th of his career.

CARDINALS 5, RAYS 2

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Nolan Arenado and Alec Burleson each had two hits and drove in two runs to help St. Louis beat the Tampa Bay.

Erick Fedde (8-5) pitched five innings for the victory. Willson Contreras and Masyn Winn also had two hits apiece for the Cardinals.

After a rocky debut after being acquired from the Chicago White Sox, Fedde rebounded in his first start at home. He allowed a run on four hits with six strikeouts and a walk.

Ryan Helsley pitched the ninth for his majors-leading 36th save in 39 opportunities.

BREWERS 8, BRAVES 5

ATLANTA (AP)—Blake Perkins was 3 for 5 with three RBIs and Milwaukee had 16 hits in an victory over slumping Atlanta.

Joey Ortiz went 3 for 5 with a double, two RBIs and a run to help the NL Central-leading Brewers beat the Braves for the second straight game to open the series.

Gary Sánchez was 2 for 5 with two runs and an RBI. Jackson Chourio and Rhys Hoskins had three hits each as the Brewers had 24 baserunners.

The Braves have lost four straight and have dropped into the NL's third wild-card slot after leading the wild-card race for much of the season.

ROYALS 8, RED SOX 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Bobby Witt Jr. had two homers, a double and four RBIs as Kansas City beat Boston and salvaged the final game of a three-game series.

With the victory, the Royals moved 1 1/2 games ahead of Boston in the race for a wild-card spot in the American League. In the AL Central, Kansas City moved within a half-game of second-place Minnesota, which lost to the Chicago Cubs. The Royals are four games back of Cleveland, which was swept in a doubleheader by Arizona.

Witt had his fourth multi-homer game of the season, getting the Royals on the scoreboard in the first with his 21st homer. Witt's second homer of the game was a 421-foot blast to center field in the sixth inning. He also added a two-run double.

YANKEES 5, ANGELS 2, 1ST GAME
ANGELS 8, YANKEES 2, 2ND GAME

NEW YORK (AP)—Zach Neto hit his first career grand slam in a six-run second inning off rookie Will Warren and drove in a career-high six runs as the Los Angeles Angels beat the New York Yankees for a doubleheader split on Wednesday night.

In the first game, New York rookie Luis Gil battled command issues but pitched five scoreless innings of two-hit ball in a 5-2 victory. Neto hit a two-run homer in the seventh of the opener before the best game of his career in the nightcap.

Warren was one strike away from escaping the second with just a 2-0 deficit, but Neto turned on a full-count sinker and lifted it to the back of the Angels' bullpen in left field to make it 6-0.

PADRES 9, PIRATES 8, 10 INNINGS

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Jackson Merrill had two homers, Xander Bogaerts singled in the go-ahead run in a three-run 10th inning and San Diego held on for a victory over Pittsburgh.

Bogaerts led off the 10th with a line drive to left field off Colin Holderman (3-5), scoring automatic runner Luis Arraez. The Padres tacked on two runs on a sacrifice fly by Manny Machado and an error on catcher Yasmani Grandal.

The Padres needed those extra runs as the Pirates cut the lead with a bases-loaded walk by Tanner Scott (7-5) and wild pitch by Adrian Morejon. Morejon relieved with runners on second and third with none out and earned his first career save.

San Diego is 13-3 since the All-Star break and entered the night four games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West.

The Pirates have lost three in a row for the first time since May 7-10 as they fell under .500 at 56-57.

METS 5, ROCKIES 3

DENVER (AP)—Francisco Lindor hit a tie-breaking, two-run single in the ninth inning, Jesse Winker had three hits, and the New York Mets beat the Colorado Rockies 5-3 on Wednesday night.

With the game tied 2-2 in the ninth, Lindor singled to left off Colorado's Victor Vodnik (3-2) to score Harrison Bader and Ben Gamel, putting the Mets ahead. Bader was pinch running for Francisco Alvarez, who hit an opposite-field triple off the out-of-town scoreboard in right field with one out. Gamel and Tyrone Taylor then walked to load the bases for Lindor.

Winker then added a single with two outs to drive in Taylor for a 5-2 lead. The Mets had 11 hits, 10 of which were singles.

Ezequiel Tovar homered in the first for the Rockies, who have 72 homers since June 15. Atlanta leads the majors with 73 during that span. The Mets are third with 71.

Jose Butto (5-3) gave up one hit and struck out two in two scoreless innings for the win. Edwin Diaz pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 19 chances, giving up a Michael Toglia triple and an RBI groundout before recording the final out.

TIGERS 6, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP)—Tarik Skubal allowed two runs over seven innings, Parker Meadows made a homer-saving catch in the eighth inning and Detroit beat Seattle.

Skubal (13-4) was overpowering in stretches. The 27-year-old left-hander allowed three hits, struck out nine and continued to strengthen his resume in the AL Cy Young Award conversation.

But Meadows' catch will be the lasting image of the game as Seattle fell out of first place in the AL West, slipping a half-game behind Houston.

PHILLIES 9, DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kyle Schwarber homered three times and drove in seven of Philadelphia's nine runs against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Schwarber hit his 27th homer of the season leading off the ninth against Michael Grove. It was his second career three-run homer game, the last coming in 2021.

The seven RBIs are the most by a Phillies player since Carlos Ruiz had that many against Atlanta in 2012.

Schwarber had a three-run blast in the sixth that gave Philadelphia an 8-4 lead. He led off the game with a two-strike shot off Gavin Stone.

2024 Nissan Sentra for HANMI golf tourney

Joeten Motors has stepped forward to offer a 2024 Nissan Sentra s a hole-in-one prize for the 22nd Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Aug. 24, 2024, at Coral Ocean Resort in Saipan.

"Joeten Motors is pleased to support the HANMI Charity Classic again this year by providing a beautiful Nissan Sentra," said Joeten Motors general manager Matthew Deets. "With its available advanced technology, bold styling, agile performance, and a premium feel, the Nissan Sentra is fitting match for the fine quality of tournament HANMI is known for. Good luck, golfers!"

Registration is $180 for non-CNMI residents, including green fees and the awards dinner. For residents, the tournament early bird rate is $110 through Saturday (Aug. 10); the fee increases to $130 after Aug. 10. Optional play is $30 and includes Accurate Drive (hole No. 9) and four chances for Nearest to the Pin (holes No. 3, 7, 13, and 17). Showtime is 6am, and the tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament is open to the first 144 paid registrants. The tournament follows a blackjack double Peoria format.

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Joeten Motors general manager Matthew Deets, second right, presents a 2024 Nissan Sentra as a hole-in-one prize for the 22nd Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament, scheduled for Aug. 24, 2024, at Coral Ocean Resort Saipan. From left, tournament committee chair Das Krishnan and member Julie Litulumar, Deets, and Joeten Motors Sales manager Ray Alvarez.

Registration forms are downloadable at www.saipanhotels.org. For more information, contact tournament chair Das Krishnan at das.krishnan@ihg.com. ***(PR)***

Early bird deadline on Aug. 10 for HANMI golf tourney

Saturday, Aug. 10, is the last day for local players to get the best registration rates for the 22nd Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Aug. 24, 2024.

"Don't miss it! Our special local rate is only $110 through Saturday, so make you register by then!" said tournament committee chair Das Krishnan. "For our off-island guests, it's still a steal at $180 for a great day of golf on the professionally-designed Coral Ocean Resort course, followed by an amazing awards dinner banquet at Crowne Plaza Resort with a generous open bar while supplies last. It's always a great tournament with HANMI!"

Hole-in-one prizes for the tournament include a 2024 Nissan Sentra from Joeten Motors, a 2024 Toyota Tacoma from Atkins Kroll Saipan, $10,000 cash from Pacifica Insurance, and $5,000 cash from Island Training Solutions.

Registration includes green fees and the awards dinner. For residents, the tournament early bird rate is $110 through Saturday, and the fee increases to $130 after Aug. 10. Optional play is $30 and includes Accurate Drive (hole No. 9) and four chances for Nearest to the Pin (holes No. 3, 7, 13, and 17). Showtime is 6am, and the tournament will start at 7am.

This year's awards banquet will be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan Ataari cultural dinner show. Additional guests will be $30 for the banquet.

The tournament is open to the first 144 paid registrants. The tournament follows a blackjack double Peoria format.

Registration forms are downloadable at www.saipanhotels.org, and payment may be made at Coral Ocean Resort or Crowne Plaza Resort front desk. For more information, contact tournament chair Das Krishnan at das.krishnan@ihg.com. ***(PR)***

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Century Insurance general manager Gol Corpuz, second left, signs on as a VIP Package sponsor with the company's $500 donation to the 22nd Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament, scheduled for Aug. 24, 2024, at Coral Ocean Resort Saipan. From left, tournament committee member William Retardo, Corpuz, and tournament committee chair Das Krishnan and member Julie Litulumar.

PADRES

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The Braves could not handle the heat of Padres pitcher Jose Deleon Guerrero as they went mum at the plate. They went down in order in the second, then could not capitalize with runners on base in the third. They had chances with runners in scoring position in the fourth and fifth, but the Padres' pitching staff and defense held up and kept them at bay.

The Padres, on the other hand, went on to score two in the fourth, one in the fifth, four in the sixth, and three more in the seventh for a 15-3 final.

Frankie Lifoifoi of the Padres went 2-for-3 hits, collected three RBIs, and scored two runs, while leadoff batter Jones was perfect at 2-for-2, had one run and RBI, and hit a double.

In the game between the Royals and the D-9er's last Wednesday, the former came out on top in whirlwind fashion, 16-15.

It was a fight to the finish as the D-9er's blew their lead when the Royals rallied in the last inning. The D-9er's had a 15-12 cushion at the top of the seventh, but it didn't last long as the Royals tied it up and wrapped it up with a walk-off run in the bottom of the inning.

The Royals' heart of the order brought in the tying and winning runs as Kier Agda, Thomas Reyes, Marvin Ngeskebei, and Gloyd Martin scored a run each to win by one, 16-15.

Last Monday, the Bandits stole the show over the Natives, 16-2.

If it didn't rain last night, the Blue Jays took on Sandlot, with results to follow.

In the standings, the Falcons clinched the pennant with their 9-1 record; Bandits are at 8-2; the Cardinals are at 7-3; Padres have a 7-2 record; Sandlot are at 6-3; Braves have a 6-4 record; Blue Jays and Royals are 5-4 each; Bears are 4-6; D-9er's are 3-7; White Sox are 2-7; Natives haven't won a game and lost nine; while Blue Shark lost all their games at 10 losses.

BENJI

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and a few batting practices sessions.

About that camp, he said, "The last camp went pretty well, four days of training and most made it to all days! A big thing I really wanted to do was demonstrate healthy stretches and warmups like I said earlier. A lot of the same faces and a lot of new ones as well showed up to the pitching camp."

On why he conducted the clinics, he said, "I wanted to do this to see what I can do to improve their game and whatnot. In a couple of years they will be playing on a higher level so I taught what I could."

The 18-year-old recent Marianas High School graduate then had this message to the youth, "As a young athlete, I want to encourage the youth to give it a 100% even if it's just practice. The results will show in the big stage! Keep working hard and you'll find success, note that practice makes progress."

As to who inspires him in doing what he does on and off the field, he said, "As the youngest grandchild of Tan Ko Palacios, I hear lots of great things and I want to continue the family tradition. Giving back to the youth was pretty special!" said Palacios.

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Racing with faster riders forced me to kick it up a notch and try to keep up with their caliber."

Camacho then dedicated his August win to his brother, who loaned him his bike because it was sitting unused for most of the season due to his brother's busy work schedule.

"I'd also like to thank God for keeping me and everyone safe. Also, my beautiful wife and daughter for helping me get ready for my races. My mom and dad for their continuous support," he said, while adding that the latter just celebrated his 61st birthday.

As for the adjustments he made from ATV motocross to motorbike riding, he said he's gradually getting the hang of it.

"Each type has its own set of challenges and skills, making the experience unique. Riding on two wheels means you're always balancing and adjusting, which makes the bike super agile. Four wheels give you more stability and control, making it easier to handle rough patches and keep your speed up. Because the bike was new to me, I had to make a couple of suspension adjustments as well as inputting new tuning maps."

In the Power Puff Girls Class, Miyako Celis took the cake with 50 points, followed by Hiromi Sasamoto and Kesiil Camacho with 44 points and 20 points, respectively.

Billie Inabo Pangelinan, meanwhile, continued to rule the Women's Class with another 50 points with Mari Alvarez and Sheanna Pangelinan completing the Top 3 with 42 points apiece.

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Christian "Hollywood" Camacho won both heats for a perfect score of 50 points in the Novice Class.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	68	47	.591	–
New York	68	47	.591	–
Boston	61	52	.540	6
Tampa Bay	57	56	.504	10
Toronto	52	62	.456	15½
Central Division				
Cleveland	67	47	.588	–
Minnesota	63	50	.558	3½
Kansas City	64	52	.552	4
Detroit	55	60	.478	12½
Chicago	28	89	.239	40½
West Division				
Houston	59	55	.518	–
Seattle	59	56	.513	½
Texas	54	61	.470	5½
Los Angeles	50	64	.439	9
Oakland	48	68	.414	12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
Philadelphia	68	46	.596	–
Atlanta	60	53	.531	7½
New York	60	54	.526	8
Washington	52	63	.452	16½
Miami	43	72	.374	25½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	64	49	.566	–
St. Louis	59	56	.513	6
Pittsburgh	56	57	.496	8
Chicago	57	60	.487	9
Cincinnati	55	59	.482	9½
West Division				
Los Angeles	66	49	.574	–
Arizona	63	52	.548	3
San Diego	63	52	.548	3
San Francisco	58	58	.500	8½
Colorado	42	73	.365	24

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SBL STANDINGS

Falcons	9	1		
Bandits	8	2		
Cardinals	7	3		
Padres	7	2		
Sandlot	6	3		
Braves	6	4		
Blue Jays	5	4		
Royals	5	4		
Bears	4	6		
D-9er's	3	7		
White Sox	2	7		
Natives	0	9		
Blue Shark	0	10		

Quincy Hall gives Americans another come-from-behind gold.

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Padres, Royals bash foes in SBL

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The Padres and Royals bashed their foes in the continuation of the 2024 Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

Last Tuesday, the Padres scared off the Braves, 15-3, for their seventh win.

The Braves started off strong as they struck first in the opening inning with three consecutive runs by the top of their order. Joell Borja, Heath Camacho, and Angelo Igitol all crossed home plate to get them on the board early, 3-0.

The Padres then fired back and more as they tied it up, 3-3, and overtook the lead, 4-3, in the next inning. Jordan Suel, Keith Kintol, Jonah Flores, and Ben Jones all scored as the whole lineup from one through nine stepped up to the plate and induced a Braves' pitching change early in the game.

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Padres' Frankie Lifoifoi lays down a bunt during their game against the Braves in the 2024 Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field last Tuesday.

LEIGH GASES

Padres' Jonah Flores, left, hi-fives teammate Tony Salas as he crosses home plate during their game against the Braves in the 2024 Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field last Tuesday.

'Hollywood' shows he's all business in Novice Class

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Christian "Hollywood" Camacho was all business and some show in earning his first Novice Class win of the season in the 2024 "MOTO IV" Points Race Series last Sunday at the Cowtown Race Park in Marpi.

Trying his hand riding on two wheels after dominating the Big Boy ATV Class in previous seasons, Camacho won both heats for a perfect score of 50 points. Matthew Guerrero, who had his streak of six consecutive wins broken, settled for second place with 42 points, while Ponce Rasa tied Guerrero with 42 points, but came third in the second heat to settle for third overall.

"The weather was cloudy for the first heat and poured rain during the second heat. The track was perfect in the beginning, but became muddy and slippery on the second heat," said Camacho, who rode the night-and-day track conditions on his brother's 2023 Yamaha Yz250f.

He said the Marianas Racing Association did him a favor by combining three classes in last Sunday's race.

"I think what made me push myself even more was the fact that they combined the Expert, Intermediate, and Novice classes. I'm naturally competitive, and the adrenaline from the other experienced riders pumped me up.

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Christian "Hollywood" Camacho in action in the Novice Class of the 2024 "MOTO IV" Points Race Series last Sunday at the Cowtown Race Park in Marpi.

Benji hosts youth pitching clinic

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Participants of the free pitching clinic hosted by Benjamin "Benji" Palacios, third from right, pose for a group photo last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

Benjamin "Benji" Palacios hosted another youth clinic—this time for pitching last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

It was supposed to be a two-day clinic but it was canceled due to rain last Friday.

The weather cleared up enough for the clinic to pull through last Saturday, and it saw about 20-30 kids show up.

Palacios, the southpaw pitcher for the 2024 Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League team Blue Jays, said that he demonstrated healthy ways to warm up before even touching a baseball.

"My objective was to give good pointers on pitching and adjust anything mechanics wise. Kyle Hocog from Next Level Media and I planned to do this since the kids wanted another session of camp!" said Tan Ko's grandson.

With summer wrapping up and with kids going back to school, when asked when he will host another clinic, he said, "I can't say much about the next clinic for now, maybe next summer."

Just last month, Palacios held and concluded a free four-day summer baseball camp that also catered to 9-11-year-olds. The focus of that camp was on drills for fielding, hitting, mechanics,

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